

REMARKS

Claims 16, 18, 22, 31 to 34 and 37 to 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heinz (DE 19731382) in view of Kirby (U.S. Patent 4,744,340). Claims 21, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heinz in view of Kirby and Topham et al. (U.S. Patent 5,044,604). Claims 25, 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heinz in view of Kirby and Cummings (U.S. Patent 2,439,240). Claims 27 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heinz in view of Kirby, Cummings and Blanchet (U.S. 2,111,549).

Claim 36 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 36 has been amended into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claims 19, 21, 23 to 28, 34 and 35 have been amended to depend from claim 36. Thus, claims 19, 21, 23 to 28 and 34 to 36 are submitted as being allowable.


Claims 16, 18, 22, 31 to 33 and 37 to 39 have been canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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